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ALL MEN BETWEEN 18 AND 46 REGISTER

CONGRESS PROMPTLY PASSES LAW MAKING ENORMOUS ARMY FORCES AVAILABLE

The big man power bill is now a law and a date for the enormous registration will be fixed soon by proclamation. Mr. Baker promises that no boys under 19 will be sent to the firing line, but they will be trained.

Washington, Aug. 26.—Now that Congress has fixed the new age limits of the selective service act from 18 to 45 years, the plans of the War Department for putting this legislation into effect is a matter of the deepest interest to hundreds of thousands of households, and a matter of very grave concern in many of them.

On its face, the bill which the House has passed makes every male American between the ages of 18 and 45 liable to military service, subject to call at any hour and subject to service in the army for the period of the war, whether it lasts one or ten years. Manifestly, however, the Government does not propose to exercise the full power placed in its hands by Congress. To do so would create an army of 4,000,000 or 5,000,000 men, paralyzing every industry in America, destroying the national efficiency behind the line which must contribute to the efficiency in the line and turn the whole producing power of the country over to immature boys, old men and women.

To Call 2,000,000.

As a matter of fact the Government proposes to call an army of only 1,000,000 men from those who will register under the new law. The present military program calls for an army of 2,000,000 men, of whom approximately 1,000,000 are now under arms. This 2,000,000 body of soldiers was created by volunteers and by calls upon registrants between 21 and 31. Half of that number is now overseas and the remaining half is being moved to France with all possible speed.

The Department expects to secure in round numbers, 1,000,000 men from the classes between 21 and 45 years of age. That is, it will draw one man in every ten above the age of 21, there being an average of about 1,000,000 of each of the ages from 21 to 45. The remaining 1,000,000 will be drawn from the younger classes between 18 and 21, of which there are approximately 1,000,000. This means that one in every three of the younger men will be drawn.

Concerning the availability of the younger men, there is little that is left to doubt. But there is much still in doubt regarding the process which will be followed in drawing the 1,000,000 men who must come from the other classes. And the question of dependency will be the most important factor to be considered apart, of course, from that of physical fitness in selecting the one man in ten who must put on the uniform. The Secretary of War has declared in this connection that marriage still will not "automatically" exempt any man under the new draft. Every married man otherwise qualified for military service must show that his family is actually dependent upon the "continuity of his earnings" before a local board will recognize any claim for deferred classification. This would seem to mean that those married men who have accumulated means enough to provide their family against being in case of absence in the army or death in the service must be given class status, and if there are no other grounds for exemption they are to become just as available for call to arms as single men of whatever age within the draft limits.

Spreading the Liability.

Because of the fact that a great majority of men above 31 years of age in every prosperous line of business have enough money to keep their families from charity, whatever happens to them, it would seem that enough of them would be drafted to disrupt the business machinery of almost every community. In some instances practically every man in an executive position in the institution or the industry would have to respond to the call, and this raises the question whether or not the War Department has seriously considered the unfortunate possibilities of such a situation.

Mr. Baker has said repeatedly that he hopes to be able to raise the new army with little or no serious disturbance to legitimate and essential business in this country. This is the principal reason why he had stoutly resisted for the drafting of the 18, 19 and 20 year old classes. And it is the reason he has placed the other limit as high as 45 years. He did this in order to spread the liability over as wide a range as possible.

Business Not to Hurt.

Nor is it Secretary Baker's opinion that the drafting of 2,000,000 men from the classes between 21 and 45 will work any irreparable hardship upon business. He and his associates have calculated that 100,000 men will be made available for each age between 21 and 41 and 10,000 for each age between 41 and 45. The withdrawal of this small percentage, he believes, from normal business activities will not be felt in any material extent. And he believes, moreover, that the normal operations of the draft regulations will reduce the number of available men to one among the older men to just about one in ten. He takes the view that those men above 31 who are physically sound, who are not engaged in essential war activities and who have independent means, should be just as

MEN WHO REGISTERED AUG. 24 IN LAWRENCE BOYS WHO HAVE BECOME 21 YEARS OF AGE SINCE JUNE

JUNE 5TH, 1918.

Following is a list of the young men of Lawrence county who registered on August 24th. Questionnaires have already been sent out to these last registrants with a view of getting them physically examined and ready for induction into the military service October 1st:

Luther Adams, Cordell. Arlie Atkins, Louisa, R. F. D. 1. William S. Alley, Louisa. Emma Ball Adams. Ora Blackburn, Louisa, R. F. D. 1. Robert Brainerd, Dennis. Harry Burton, Ralston. Zenas W. Chapman, Allen. Russell Cordie, Wakefield, Ohio. Gordon Endicott, Louisa. Charles G. Ferrell, Louisa. Charles George, Ulysses. William G. Griffith, Blevins. Green Hall, Henrietta. James Hayes, Leola. Sam Heabert, Louisa. Sam D. Heabert, Louisa. Charlie Holbrook, Overton. Tom Howard, Norris. Clarence Jones, Louisa, R. F. D. 1. Robert Martin, Fairbairn. Rufus K. Maynard, Clifford. Bert Moore, Cherokee. Franklin Moore, Mattie. Harrison Moore, Zella. Everett Murphy, Tusculum. Roy Peters, Louisa, R. F. D. 2. Everett Pigg, Buseyville. John Pressley, Fairburg. Henry Sparks, Martha. Oscar Stages, Terryville. Joe H. Webb, Louisa. Charles B. Workman, Paintsville.

CALL FOR STENOGRAPHERS.

The local board for Lawrence County is in receipt of a letter from Maj. Henry F. Rhodes, Selective Service Department of Kentucky to the effect that the Provost Marshal General will receive a call within a short time for a large number of stenographers who have had some legal training.

These stenographers must be white men qualified for special and limited military service. Men enlisted for general military service will not be accepted under this call.

Men who qualify under this call will probably be assigned to the Judge Advocate and Provost Marshal General's departments and will be required to report court martial cases and attend to other matters pertaining to military work in the field. The work to be done by these stenographers will be interesting and will give invaluable experience to fortunate applicants.

Any registrant fully qualified for limited or special military service may volunteer at the office of the local board, Louisa, Ky., up to August 31st.

Local board is urged to give this call publicity through the medium of the local press and qualified registrants are urged to present themselves to local board and have themselves listed for this service.

SENATOR OLLIE JAMES DIED WEDNESDAY, 28TH

KENTUCKY'S NOTED STATESMAN PASSES AWAY AT A BALTIMORE MORE HOSPITAL.

Senator James breathed his last at Baltimore Wednesday morning of this week. He had been in the hospital about three months, and lately his condition was said to be hopeless. He was 64 years old and was one of the strongest men in the Senate of the United States. His death is a severe loss at this critical period. The body will be buried at Marion, Ky.

Governor Stanley will appoint a Senator to serve until next March. It is predicted that the Governor will be nominated by the State Committee to make the race in November for the fall term.

VETERAN OF CIVIL WAR.

J. C. Collins, of Paola, Kansas, writes that since his letter was published in the News a few weeks ago he has received several letters from old friends in California and Kentucky who read the letter. Some were friends from whom he had not heard for years and their letters gave him much pleasure.

He states that he is glad to know of the progress Kentucky is making in every thing that makes a state good and great and that he has the highest regard for the people of Big Sandy.

willing to fight as men in such circumstances under the age of 21.

Just what the army will do with this class of men once they have been drafted is another interesting question. Some of them will be men of great force and executive ability. Many of them will have special qualifications of one sort or another. To make more private soldiers out of such draftees would seem to be absurd, and the War Department will hardly be guilty of wasting day good material which it may have gained by the new draft. Aside from the fact that every one of these men will be closely examined as to his ability along a given line, the other classes will be urged to try at once for the new officers' training camps. The card indexing of new men is designed to place them to the best advantage.

WITH THE COLORS

Wyoming Man.

Elmer Cook, of Oceanus, Wyoming county, W. Va., died of wounds received in battle.

Hamilton Wilson Injured

The local board, Louisa, received the following letter under date of August 19 from office of the Massie Club, Wheeling, W. Va.:

"Mr. Hamilton Akers Wilson, a registrant under your jurisdiction met with an accident on Friday, August 16, at Yorkville, Ohio. A scaffold on which he was working broke and he fell 30 feet to the ground sustaining the following injuries: Cut about five inches in forehead, broken bones in right hand, bruised and wrenched back and hips. He is at present in the Martin's Ferry, (O.) hospital and is unable to communicate with you and asks me to write you the circumstances. His condition, while serious, is not such as to preclude early recovery."

Killed in Action.

Jas. D. McCarty, of Laurel, was killed in action, Dock Wolford, of Edgar-

DRIVING GERMAN BACK

The Allies have made great progress during the past week, driving the Huns back at all points and capturing about 60 towns, some of them very important. The old Hindenburg line has been pierced, 130,000 prisoners have been taken since July 1st.

The tanks and airplanes have been playing important parts in the victories. Americans, French and British have been alike successful in their drives.

It is believed Germany has decided to retire to a line where they believe they can put up a successful defensive and then settle down to hold it. This is what America will be up against next year.

PURE BRED DOCK SALE.

To be French of this county, recently sold a purebred shorthorn cow and calf for \$250. This shows the difference between good stock and scrubs.

The Louisa Bottling Company is closing its plant, probably until next spring. The shortage in sugar makes it advisable to do this.

THE MINGO ARMY DESERTERS.

Last week we told of the killing of George Dillon and Wm. Ellis by army deserters, and of U. S. Officers going after them. They failed to get any of the deserters and draft evaders, of whom there are 15 to 20. But the officers arrested W. M. (Babe) McClellan, at whose home the double killing was effected, his daughter, Miss Lulu McClellan, who thought but a girl in years, is believed to possess valuable information. Stanley Spaulding, Joseph Sawyer, Eli Vance and Amos Halden. All these persons are more or less intimately related. Mrs. J. Vance, wife of one of the men said to be wanted by the Government, and a daughter of Constable Dillon, murdered near the McClellan home, was arrested but was released.

The Mingo county authorities think the guilty parties will surrender before many days.

STATE AID FOR STREETS.

The Attorney General of Kentucky has ruled that State aid for streets is legal. This fits the situation as to Louisa's move for paving.

WAIVED DEFERMENT.

Thomas Steadman waived deferred classification and asked to be sent with the men going Friday, and he will be sent.

THE LOUISA-BUCHANAN ROAD.

Work on the river road is going along nicely. McGuire & Austin are getting the work well started between old Lick and the Canes Branch and will have this road passable by the first of October. The work at Zella under the supervision of Jack Bryan is well under way. On this section the following men have each put in the number of days stated:

Liss Bradley, five and half days. H. E. Patten, six days. Zack Bellamy, six days. Cecil Moore, five and half days. M. C. Franks, five days. Walter Hicks, seven days. Wm. Carter, four days. G. B. Rickman, three days. Jack Bryan, eight days with team. Andy Cartney, four days with team. Bruce Atkins, two days with team.

IN FRANCE.

In the wounded severely list published Thursday the name of Tom Cole, Catlettsburg, appears; also Simpson Moore, of Rose Sitton, W. Va.

RIVER VICTIMS

On Wednesday afternoon, Chas. H. Lehman, 38, division freight agent C. & O. railway, of Ashland, and Miss Elizabeth Vaughn, 18, of Los Angeles, Calif., were drowned in the Little Sandy river near Greepup. With Mrs. Lehman and Misses Sallie and Kittle Ulen, aunts of Miss Vaughn they had gone in swimming. There is a whirlpool near the spot where they were drowned and it is supposed this accounts for the drowning as Mr. Lehman was an expert swimmer.

The flag pole has been moved to the center of the intersection of Main Cross streets, where it will be more conspicuous.

McKINLEY PIGG IS IN A FRENCH HOSPITAL

LOUISA BOY IS SUFFERING FROM WOUNDS, BUT IS REPORTED AS CONVALESCING.

McKinley, son of Dan Pigg, of Louisa is reported to be wounded and in a hospital in France. In a private letter Mrs. Allen, presumably connected with hospital work, has written a letter to the boy's father and we reproduce it herewith. McKinley was reported missing in action and later the information came that he had returned to his command. Inasmuch as the following letter shows the wounds to be only slight, the news of his whereabouts is very welcome to relatives and friends:

Paris, France, Care of Morgan Hospital, 5 August, 1918.

Mr. Dan Pigg, Louisa, Ky.

My Dear Mr. Pigg: At Ecoules, Semi Etioles, 14 miles or so from Paris, I saw your son, McKinley, in the beautiful hospital of the Legion D'Honneur, not badly wounded, and looking as cheerful and happy as if he had only a knock out in a ball game. He has probably gone back to the front for it was, as I said, only a slight wound, and he was keen to have another "go" at the boches.

This last week has been a wonderful triumph for the Allies and not least to the American forces. The French are enthusiastic over our men as fighters as well as good fellows. They all officers and men, say the Americans have amalgamated with the French faster and much better than the English. It is good to hear their praise. God grant that the victory be not too far distant.

I gave your son my address and told him if he ever needed help I could give him he must let me know.

Hoping he will live to go home to you safe, I am, Sincerely yours, L. T. M. ALLEN.

Mrs. Geo. W., of Casanova, N. Y.

THE DROUGHT.

Crops have suffered very seriously in this section of country from lack of rain this summer. A rain fell Tuesday night which brought some relief from dust.

QUARTERLY CONFERENCE.

Presiding Elder A. A. Hollister came up from Ashland Monday evening and held quarterly conference at the M. E. Church, South. A resolution was unanimously adopted asking for the return of Rev. H. O. Chambers to the Louisa charge.

CHANGES OF RESIDENCE.

Mr. John Maurice and family moved from the L. D. Jones property on Lock avenue, to R. Blankenship's residence on Upper Franklin street and R. D. Lambert and family will occupy the house vacated by them.

R. B. Spencer moved last Saturday back to his farm on Lick Creek and C. E. Hensley will move into the house on Lock avenue recently purchased by Mr. Hensley from Mr. Spencer.

NEWCOMB SCHOOL.

Notice. There will be an ice cream festival at Newcomb school house Friday night, September 5, 1918. Proceeds will go for the benefit of the Red Cross. Everybody is invited to come and to take a part.

TO CAMP GREENE.

Two hundred and fifty white men are leaving Kentucky August 30 and 31 for Charlotte, N. C., for limited service. Among the allotments from Eastern Kentucky are: Boyd, 19; Breathitt, 19; Magoffin, 19; Morgan, 5; Pike, 19.

GEORGIA CAMP.

Men from the following counties are among those called to report for limited service. They go to Camp Wheeler, Ga. between Sept. 1 and 5: Carter, 1; Floyd, 4; Johnson, 2; Lawrence, 6; Lee, 2; Letcher, 5; Pike, 11.

QUARTERLY MEETING.

The Fourth Quarterly Communion Service and Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church announced for last Sunday and Monday evenings was postponed one week. District Superintendent Davenport will be present next Sunday and Monday evenings, September 1 and 2.

MORE RED CROSS MONEY.

Proceeds from entertainments and socials have been turned into the treasury as follows: Fallsburg \$1.30, Wilbur \$16.50, Walbridge \$20.00. The refunds from the War Fund for the July and August regulations have been received. They total \$327.64.

The financial report for August will be published next week.

RETURNING FROM WEST BADEN.

Rev. T. D. Burgess, Jas. H. Woods and G. R. Burgess will arrive home Friday morning of this week from West Baden, Ind. F. H. Yates arrived Wednesday.

LIEUT. OSCAR VINSON.

Oscar Vinson, who lives a few miles from Louisa up Tug River, is here on a furlough to visit home folks. He has just been commissioned a Second Lieutenant in the army. He has been stationed at Hattiesburg.

OUR FAIR DATES

SEPT. 26 TO 28

LAWRENCE COUNTY FAIR WILL BE HELD AT LOUISA LASTING THREE DAYS.

The officers of the Lawrence County Fair Association have held another meeting and provided for the final details in connection with the fair which is to be held at Louisa on Thursday, Friday and Saturday, September 26, 27 and 28. This is a slight change in the dates, but in the same week as first announced.

The site of the fair will be on the outskirts of Louisa, on J. P. Gärten's farm. A choice place has been selected and a quarter mile race track is being prepared for horse racing. A bridge has been built across Lick Creek to reach the place more conveniently.

Season tickets will be sold at \$1.00 each and this will entitle the holder to participate in a free distribution of the prepared livestock and poultry mentioned in the large advertisement on our second page this week. Be sure to read it.

The Exhibits.

The usual line of exhibits embracing livestock and poultry, agricultural products, the handicraft of women, etc., will be on display. Everybody is entitled to lend a helping hand to this enterprise, which means so much to our farming interests.

Prize lists will be made as liberal as possible, but it is hoped our people will look more to the value of the exhibits from the standpoint of encouraging better efforts than to the value of prizes.

CONFEDERATE REUNION

S. F. Reynolds, Adjutant, Sparklock Camp, U. C. V., has received a letter saying tickets will be on sale in ample time to reach Tulsa, Oklahoma by the 24th of September and will be good for return trip until October 31. The rate of one cent a mile each way applies to the following parties:

Members of the United Confederate Veterans.

A member of a family of a member of the U. C. V.

Member of the Sons of Confederate Veterans.

A member of the family of a member of the Sons of U. C. V.

A member of the Confederate Southern Memorial Association.

A member of the family of a member of the C. S. M. A.

All camp officers are requested to advise immediately the number of certificates they will probably require for their sections.

It is believed 100,000 delegates and visitors will attend.

WILL HALE PLEASED WITH UNITED STATES NAVY.

Will, son of G. W. Hale, of this place, has successfully passed the examination required for entrance to Harvard University, where he will get a course in the theory of radio work. He has been at Great Lakes Training School for about two months and is delighted with the work. Being a proficient telegraph operator he has had no difficulty with his training work and has been used as an instructor part of the time. He expects to get a furlough of a few days before departing and will visit home folks here on his way.

ANNUAL CONFERENCE

M. E. Church, South.

The annual conference for the M. E. Church, South, for the territory embracing a part of Eastern Kentucky and nearly all of West Virginia will assemble at Logan, W. Va., on Wednesday, September 4th, and continue until the following Monday, with Bishop Hendrix presiding.

TO GEORGIA CAMP.

Milton H. Curdiss, whose name appeared in the list of registrants in these columns last week for induction into the military service at Louisa Thursday, was in Brumswick, Ga. when he received his notice to report and was by order of our local board inducted into military service at that place on Wednesday and sent with registrants from that point to Camp Gordon, Ga., reaching camp two days earlier than those going from here.

ACCEPTS POSITION.

Miss Grace Sammons, who recently completed a business course at Booth's Business College, Huntington, has accepted a position at a good salary at Ecoules, W. Va. Before going there she was in the R. & O. offices in Huntington. Previous to taking a business course she finished high school in Louisa, and is among our brightest and most deserving girls.

BROUGHT TO HOSPITAL.

T. B. Hackney was brought to the hospital at this place from Williamson, W. Va. When standing near the edge of a cliff he lost his balance and fell over, the result being concussion of the brain and minor injuries. His condition is improving.

INCREASES PRICE OF COAL.

Effective August 23, T. A. M. now Kentucky price order fixed minimum price for operations on Leavin Fork of Big Sandy river, mine-run \$2.25, prepared sizes, \$2.50, plus \$1.00 plus 45 cents if terms President's order October 27th be not been complied with.